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Dear Political Committee:

This letter is to make you aware of a proposed amendment to the State Board of Elections Rules and Regulations clarifying a portion of the Campaign Financing Act dealing with the filing of Pre-Election Reports. Specifically, the proposed rule change makes it clear that a committee that files a Statement of Non-Participation and then subsequently expends more than \$500 for or against a candidate or question of public policy on the ballot must file a Pre-Election Report. The text of the proposed amendment is as follows:

Section 100.70 Reports of Contributions and Expenditures

(e) A committee that, having filed a Statement of Non-Participation, makes an expenditure in excess of \$500 or expends or has expended an aggregate amount in excess of \$500 on behalf of or in opposition ~~a subsequent contribution~~ to a candidate or on behalf of a question of public policy that will appear on the ballot at the next election shall file a pre-election report within five days after making the expenditure ~~contribution~~, or if the expenditure that triggers the requirement to file a pre-election report ~~contribution~~ is made during the five days immediately prior to the election, within 24 hours after making the expenditure ~~contribution~~. In addition to filing a pre-election report, the committee shall timely file a Schedule A-1 for each contribution exceeding \$500, beginning with the date the expenditure ~~contribution~~ that triggered the obligation to file a pre-election report was made.

The State Board of Elections is accepting public comment on the proposed amendment through January 31, 2006. All comments should be directed in writing to the General Counsel's office. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact the Campaign Disclosure Division of the State Board of Elections at 217/782-4141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rupert T. Borgsmiller".

Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Director
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